

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 29 of the substitute specification (corresponding to the paragraph at page 16, line 30 of the original specification) with the following amended paragraph:

In a preferred embodiment, the present invention provides a chimeric protein described above, wherein the second peptidyl fragment consists of the amino acid sequence[[s]] of SEQ ID NO:3. ~~ID NO:3~~.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 21 of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

In addition, a host cell strain may be chosen which modulates the expression of the inserted sequences, or modifies and processes the gene product in the specific fashion desired. Expression from certain promoters can be elevated in the presence of certain inducers; thus, expression of the genetically engineered chimeric protein disclosed in Section 4.2. may be controlled. Furthermore, different host cells have characteristic and specific mechanisms for the translational and post-translational processing and [[modification]] modification (e.g., glycosylation, phosphorylation) of proteins. Appropriate cell lines or host systems can be chosen to ensure the desired modification and processing of the foreign protein expressed. For example, expression in a bacterial system can be used to produce an unglycosylated core protein product. Expression in yeast will produce a glycosylated product. Expression in mammalian cells can be used to ensure "native" glycosylation of a heterologous protein. Furthermore, different vector/host expression systems may effect processing reactions to different extents.